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REQUEST THAT OFFICE WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE FOR REASONS SET FORTH IN § 1.313(c)(2) - ISSUE FEE PAID

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PETITION

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the Office withdraw this application from issue in order to consider a Request for Continued Examination in compliance with § 1.114. The Request for Continued Examination is being filed in order to provide an Information Disclosure Statement containing an article that has come to the attention of Applicant. On its face, the article does not appear to be prior art, however, it refers to activity that was earlier in time than the publication date of the article. Included herewith is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover this Petition. Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 06-2425.

Respectfully submitted,

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